

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:**

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1. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising a first transparent substrate and a second transparent substrate arranged to confront each other, and a liquid crystal component layer sealed between said first transparent substrate and said second transparent substrate

          said first transparent substrate being provided with a transparent insulating substrate control electric fields applied to pixel electrodes of said pixels, signal lines connected to said switching elements; common lines that supply a prescribed electric potential to

          said second transparent substrate is provided with at least a second alignment layer on the highest layer,

          said signal lines including adjacent regions, said signal lines and said adjacent regions defining signal line regions,

a1           said pixels including apertures, said pixels and said apertures including adjacent regions, said pixels and said apertures and said adjacent regions defining pixel aperture regions, and

          specific alignment processing is carried out such that alignment of said first alignment layer and said second alignment layer differs at said signal line regions and at said pixel aperture regions.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application based on the foregoing Amendment and the following Remarks is respectfully requested.